

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6256

To require that the Chief Information Officer of the Bureau of Information Resources submit an annual report that lists all the information technology procurement awards and contracts that were awarded over \$10,000,000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Mr. BAIRD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CYBERSECURITY PRIORITIZATION IN INFOR-**
4 **MATION TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that—

7 (1) the Department has not sufficiently empha-
8 sized cybersecurity in its operations or in its pro-

1 curement of information technology, and that these
2 shortcomings have contributed to numerous cyberse-
3 curity incidents at the Department; and

4 (2) the Department should prioritize, to the
5 highest level and to a greater extent than it already
6 does, the minimization of cybersecurity risks in its
7 procurement of information technology.

8 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Chief Information Offi-
9 cer in the Bureau of Information Resources Management
10 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
11 an annual report which—

12 (1) describes all Department information tech-
13 nology procurement contracts awarded in the year
14 prior to the issuance of the report, including the
15 name of the awardee and the information technology
16 they were contracted to procure; and

17 (2) for all Department information technology
18 procurement contracts awarded in the year prior to
19 the issuance of the report with contract price exceed-
20 ing \$10,000,000—

21 (A) details the cybersecurity risks which
22 have been or will be created by the information
23 technology procured or intended to be procured
24 under the contract, including the Department’s
25 strategy for mitigating these risks;

1 (B) justifies the Department’s choice to
2 award the contract to its particular awardee in
3 light of those cybersecurity risks; and

4 (C) justifies the Department’s choice to
5 procure such information technology in light of
6 those cybersecurity risks.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
9 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees” means the House Committee on Foreign
11 Affairs and the Senate Committee on Foreign Rela-
12 tions.

13 (2) CYBERSECURITY INCIDENT.—The term “cy-
14 bersecurity incident” has the meaning given the
15 term “incident” in section 3552 of title 44, United
16 States Code.

17 (3) CYBERSECURITY RISK.—The term “cyberse-
18 curity risk” has the meaning given that term in sec-
19 tion 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
20 U.S.C. 650), except that it refers exclusively to cy-
21 bersecurity risks to the Department’s information
22 and information systems.

23 (4) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
24 means the United States Department of State.

1 (5) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term “infor-
2 mation system” has the meaning given that term in
3 section 3502 of title 44, United States Code.

4 (6) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—The term
5 “information technology” has the meaning given
6 that term in section 11101 of title 40, United States
7 Code.

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